

## Hampton Police Division Media Release

40 Lincoln Street Hampton, VA 23669



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## **DOUBLE SHOOTING INVESTIGATION**

On January 6, 2005, at approximately 8:08 pm, officer responded to Applebee Restaurant, located at 2159 Coliseum Drive to investigate a disturbance complaint. Arriving officers learned that two groups of men we engaged in a physical altercation at the business and left prior to police arrival.

At approximately 8:53 pm, police began investigating a shooting which occurred in the parking lot of the Best Western, located at 2000 West Mercury Blvd. Officers determined that this incident was related to the Applebee's complaint and the victims had transported themselves to the hospital.

The preliminary investigation suggests that two groups were patrons of the Applebee's Restaurant when a dispute of unknown origin resulted in a fight in the parking lot. Both groups dispersed prior to police arrival. Two of the subjects went to patronize Crabbers and were confronted outside by the men they engaged earlier. The resulting gunfire struck both men.

A 26 year old Norfolk man was struck in the torso and a 22 year old Hampton man was struck in the leg. The Hampton man drove both to a local hospital for treatment. The 26 year old was later transported by Nightingale to Norfolk Sentara for treatment of life threatening injuries.

The investigation is ongoing and no suspects have been identified or arrested. Anyone with information that will assist police with identifying the persons responsible for this crime is encouraged to contact the Hampton Police Division at 727-6111 or Crime Line at 1-888-LOCK-U-UP. Crime Line callers remain anonymous and never appear in court. If a Crime Line call results in an arrest the caller is eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.00.

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